

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

May 14, 2021

Members and Alternates

Present: Marielle Boortz, Audrey Comeaux, Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Gabe Quinto, Heather Youngs (alternate), Tim Bancroft (alternate)

Absent: Rick Alcaraz, Sara Gurdian (represented by alternate)

Staff: Michael Kent, Adam Springer, Steve Morioka, Ellen Dempsey

Members of the Public: Jan Warren, Zoe Siegel

- 1) **Call to order, announcements:** Commissioner Glueck called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Michael Kent announced:

- The next annual Supervisor meeting will be with Supervisor Gioia on June 16th at 2:00.
- The next Board of Supervisors Sustainability committee meeting will be May 24 at 1:00.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 12, 2021 meeting were moved by Commissioner Quinto, seconded by Commissioner Linsley, and approved with corrections by a vote of 6 – 0.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business:** None

- 5) **New Business:**

- a) **Develop outreach strategy to Community-based Organizations and the Public concerning Sea Level Rise issues**

Michael Kent explained that to follow-up the Commission's vote at the April 22, 2021 meeting to collect information from stakeholders in the county to find out what they are doing to address Sea Level Rise, Commissioner Glueck determined the Operations committee should focus on the public and Community-based organizations.

Commissioner Glueck began the discussion by observing that the uncertainty in knowing what prediction of Sea Level Rise is being planned for might make people hesitant to participate.

Zoe Siegel thought that a way to address this would be to prepare a short summary of information at the top of a survey. Commissioner Glueck thought the Commission could create a library of information on SLR for people to look at. Ellen Dempsey mentioned that there is already a SLR page on the Hazardous Materials Program web site.

Commissioner Boortz asked how the Commission would find the right people to talk to at organizations. Commissioner Glueck thought that we could find out who is working with the Cities as a way.

Jan Warren observed that unless someone lives right on the water they are unlikely to be interested in this topic. She thought the Commission should focus on shoreline areas and needs to educate people about the issue.

Commissioner Youngs thought the Commission should try to find out how informed people are about the issue. Zoe Siegel said she agreed, and that if people aren't interested in the issue, it might be because they aren't informed.

Michael Kent showed a survey done about climate change by a non-profit organization as an example of something the Commission could do. Commissioner Glueck thought the committee could come up with 5 questions for a survey.

Commissioner Comeaux thought that surveys done by mail don't get a lot of attention. She thought that maybe an on-line survey would be best. She thought the Commission could prepare a flyer that we could send out to community-based organizations and other groups asking them to post the survey. Committee members mentioned cities, MCE, Home-owner Associations, churches, and watershed and creek groups as organizations the Commission could ask to make the survey available to their members.

The committee then worked on language for the survey questions and prepared a draft survey, and came up with the following:

1) How informed do you feel about sea level rise in the Bay Area?

On a scale from 1 – 5 with 1 being not informed at all and 5 being very informed

2) Would you like to know more about sea level rise?

On a scale from 1 – 5 with 1 being not at all interested and 5 being very interested

3) Do you think you will be directly or indirectly impacted by sea level rise?

On a scale from 1 – 5 with 1 being not impacted at all and 5 being very impacted

4) Who do you think should be responsible for addressing the impacts of sea level rise?

Chose as many as apply - Individuals, businesses, Local government, regional government, state government, federal government, all of these

If an organization:

5) Would your organization be interested in engaging with the County Government to address the impacts of sea level rise?

On a scale from 1 – 5 with 1 being not at all interested and 5 being very interested

Commissioner Youngs recommended that the Commission needs to be clear when presenting the results of this survey that it is not a scientifically random, statistically significant survey.

6) Plan Next Agenda: Follow-up if necessary, on the SLR outreach survey.

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.